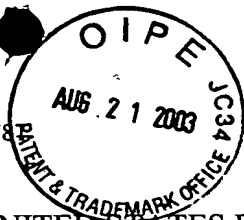


Attorney Docket No. 3053-2878
PATENT



AUG 21 2003

AF / 3743
Handwritten signature and initials.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Curtis L. TAYLOR

Serial No.: 08/954,291

Group: 3743

Filed: October 20, 1997

Examiner: Carl D. Price

For: OXYGEN-FUEL BURNER WITH INTEGRAL STAGED OXYGEN SUPPLY

ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AN APPEAL BRIEF

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Petitioner, Applicant in the above-identified application, hereby requests that the response to the Advisory Office Action submitted herewith be accepted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The Application is on Appeal, the initial period for the Appeal Brief was August 12, 2003.

As required, the appropriate fee of \$110.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17 for a one-month extension is submitted herewith. Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Account Number 02-1010 (3053-28781).

The requirement of the Code of Federal Regulations having been met, acceptance of the accompanying document is respectfully requested.

Respectfully requested,

BARNES & THORNBURG

Handwritten signature of Mark M. Newman.

Mark M. Newman
Reg. No. 31, 472
(202) 289-1313

RECEIVED

AUG 26 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

08/22/2003 CNGUYEN 00000006 08954291

01 FC:1251

110.00 OP

DCDS01 MMN 72721v1

Handwritten notes: OK, TO, EWT, AF, 1/12/03, and other illegible markings.